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Registrar of Voters Promotes Absentee Voting at Community Events This Weekend

WHAT: The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office will be promoting

permanent absentee voting at a variety of community events this weekend.

Mother's Day Fun Fair Festival

WHEN: Saturday, May 12, ROV Booth: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 13, ROV Booth: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Memorial Park, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino

Stanford Powwow

WHEN: Saturday, May 12, ROV Booth: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 13, ROV Booth: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Eucalyptus Grove, Stanford University Campus, Palo Alto

(corner of Galvez St. and Arboretum Rd.)

Berryessa Art and Wine Festival

WHEN: Saturday, May 12, ROV Booth: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Penitencia Creek Park, 3050 Berryessa Rd., San Jose

The Registrar's Office will conduct outreach at community events to increase awareness of permanent absentee voting, which allows registered voters to automatically receive and cast their ballots by mail every election.

Visitors to the Registrar's booth will be able to sign up for permanent absentee voting in addition to registering to vote, volunteering as Election Officers, and receiving other important election information.

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The outreach events are part of the Registrar's on-going campaign to promote permanent absentee voting, which has become increasingly popular in recent years. Voting by mail allows voters to cast their ballots from the comfort of home and avoid the long lines that can sometimes occur on Election Day. By offering a convenient alternative to voting at the polls, the Registrar hopes to increase voter participation in the democratic process.

Permanent absentee voters currently account for over 40% of all registered voters. An additional 60,000 voters have signed up since the Registrar's Office began its campaign to promote the service last month.

The 33rd Annual Berryessa Art & Wine Festival is held to benefit music programs in Berryessa schools.

The 36th Annual Stanford Powwow is organized by the Stanford American Indian Organization to celebrate American Indian culture.

The 7th Annual Mother's Day Fun Fair Festival is sponsored by the World Journal Newspaper and Cupertino Chinese Community Service Center.

All events are free and open to the public.

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